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*****Project 'eyewatch' interesting posts since this week's previous email:

Since the incident in Killara below, a Media Release was posted with more detail:

Police appeal for information following child approach incident - Killara

Thursday, 19 April 2012 01:03:03 PM

Police are appealing for information after a child was approached by an unknown man in Killara.

Hornsby Police have been told a 13-year-old girl was walking south along the Pacific Highway yesterday when she was approached by a man who pulled up alongside her in a car.

The man attempted to engage the girl in conversation, but the girl ignored him and kept walking.

The man then drove away in a northerly direction and the girl went home and told her parents.

Police were informed of the incident later in the day and commenced investigations.

Investigators would now like to speak to a man who they believe can assist with these inquiries.

He is described as being Caucasian in appearance, aged about 40 years old, with short, dark brown hair and wearing black sunglasses.

The man may be travelling in a white older style van or utility.

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 .

The incident has prompted police to again encourage parents to reinforce the 'Safe People, Safe Places' message.

- Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are lots of other people;
- Make sure your parents or another adult you know knows where you are at all times;
- Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to;
- Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened in these places and ask them to call the police;
- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school;
- Don't talk to people you don't know and never get into a car with someone you don't know. If a car stops and you don't know the person inside, do not stop; and
- If you are scared, call Triple Zero (000) and tell them you are scared.

Anthony Krkac, Chairman of VandalTrak, was special guest with our Kuring Gai LAC Project **eyewatch** Precinct on Tuesday. The 'Streetbeat' guys chatted with them during the afternoon program on Triple H : 100.1 FM about graffiti. Julia has been invited to join StreetBeat team again on Tuesday 1st May, 4.15 til 4.45pm. VandalTrak is the preferred method of reporting graffiti to the Police via the VandalTrak website; www.vandaltrak.com.au. They then communicate it directly to Rotary groups, Rail Corp, and other agencies for follow-up photos. The Police are using the VandalTrak system as their database, as it is proven to be documented. A vandal in one area is also a vandal in other areas, and VandalTrak are managing to get a more complete picture of the problem. Then kids going through the court system are caught for example, not for 1, but maybe 13 events, with a much more

The other good advice that some people give is to tell the victims to clean it off their property as fast as they can, **take a photo** to document it. If residents just clean off the graffiti without recording it, the crime is lost. Well done VandalTrak! [Now I must upload my photos of the local graffiti in my area..... ed]

And from VandalTrak: Today we presented Paul Hutchinson with the \$150 gift voucher relating to our March campaign to raise the most incidents for the month. Paul managed to raise 170 incidents. Not only has this provided more information on how under reported graffiti vandalism is. WELL DONE PAUL HUTCHINSON.

From the **North Shore Times**: "Crime wrap up: Congrats to police who have charged a thief with breaking into a

And another post from the North Shore Times yesterday: We are getting reports of flooding on Mona Vale Rd St Ives affected. The RTA is asking motorists to reduce speed and be cautious.

St Ives Chase Neighbourhood Watch are holding their next meeting at 8pm on Tuesday, April 24th at St Ives Chase. Our Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Cons Paul Cleary, will be addressing the on the future of NHW and on Project



And a new 'Blog site':

Welcome to Drink Tank, a new conversation space for debating issues about alcohol and the use and misuse of alcohol in Australian society.

Drink Tank is sponsored by the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education. We have created this blog site across Australia.

All are welcome to express their opinions about prevailing issues and concerns. From professional writers to regular members of the public the health fraternity, and anyone with a view; strong or otherwise. If you have a view you'd like to express or photographic contribution, Drink Tank would love to see it.

By posting your material on Drink Tank you can achieve greater exposure for your stories about alcohol. Drink Tank is a driving debate in the blogosphere; on Twitter, through Facebook and other social mediums.

POLICE have warned parents not to use mobiles to upload photos of kids to social media with location information.

South Australia Police has emailed a warning to children's rights advocates that predators are window-shopping for so-called "geo-tagging" information to find out where children live, go to school, go to playgrounds or shop with their parents.

Detective Inspector Peter Dunstone, acting officer-in-charge, Sexual Crime Investigation Branch, said geo-tagging information to photographs - but was dangerous.

"This warning highlights the dangers of posting images with geo-tagging, particular with children, who share their circumstances," he said.

Geo-tagging provides the exact location at which a photograph was taken which, when combined with information such as "playground", can be used to stalk children.



Hornsby Police news,
19 /04/12

The following relate to local issues in the Kuring gai Local Area Command.

Incident: Drug Detection

Time/Date: Aprox 12:15am 15/04/2012

Place: Pacific Hwy, Waitara

POI 18 year old male

Details: Aprox 12:15am on the 15/04/2012, plain clothes police were observing three males in the vicinity appeared to be acting suspiciously. Police had cause to search the males at which time police located vegetable matter police allege to be cannabis upon the person of an 18 year old male. The male was arrested at Hornsby Station where he was charged with possess prohibited drug. The 18 year old male is to appear in Hornsby Court in respect to the charges.

Incident: Malicious Damage

Time/Date: Aprox 12:15am 15/04/2012

Place: Pacific Hwy, Waitara

Vehicle 1: 21 year old male

Aprox 12:15am on the 15/04/2012, plain clothes police were observing three males in the vicinity of the Pacific Hwy acting suspiciously. Police have allegedly observed a 21 year old male graffiti an electrical box in the area. The 21 year old male was arrested at Hornsby Station where he was charged with malicious damage to property. The 21 year old male is to appear in Hornsby Court on the 16 May 2012 with respect to the charges.

Incident: Mental Health / PCA

Time/Date: Between Aprox 4:30pm and 11:30pm on the 18/04/2012

Place: Vicinity of St Ives Show Ground, Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Vehicle 1: 2010 Jeep Wranger

Driver 1: 45 year old male

Details: About 4:30pm on the 18/04/2012, a 45 year old male has allegedly contacted his wife stating that he was driving a 2010 Jeep Wranger on the Pacific Hwy near St Ives.

were notified and a search commenced. Police have triangulated the male's mobile phone and after an effort driving his vehicle in the vicinity of the St Ives Show Ground, on Mona Vale Road. The male was subjected to a breathalyzer test which proved positive. The male was arrested and conveyed to Hornsby Police Station where he underwent a blood test which reading in the low range. The 45 year old male was issued with a Court Attendance Notice to appear in Hornsby Court and was conveyed to Hornsby hospital for assessment.

Incident: Suspected attempted Child Abduction

Time/Date: Approx 11:00am on 18/04/12

Place: Vicinity of Pacific Hwy and Cecil St, Killara

Vehicle 1: Early model van or ute – white in colour

POI: Male, 40 years old, unshaven, brown curly hair, skinny build wearing sunglasses

Victim: 13 year old female

Details: About 11:00am on the 18/04/2012, a 13 year old female was walking home from school in the vicinity of Killara when a 40 year old male described above has pulled over to the side of the road along side the 13 year old female above and has said to her, "Get In" The victim has ignored the male and continued walking along the Pacific Highway. The male continued driving without further comment or incident. The 13 year old girl has continued walking home. Police were not notified until approx 5:00pm, where a report was taken and patrols of the area made with no success. Police would like any witnesses or any persons with any information to contact Hornsby Police on 9476 9799, or phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Police would like to remind members of the public that if similar incident occur, Police should be notified as soon as possible.

Incident: Graffiti

Time/Date: Between 800am and 500pm on the 15/04/12

Place: F3 Freeway, Wahroonga

Details: Between the above dates and times unknown persons have Graffitied the victim's fence which faces the F3 Freeway. The Graffiti was in silver spray paint which made obscene comments about the victim. Police would like any persons with any information to contact Hornsby Police on 9476 9799, or phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Incident: Graffiti

Time/Date: 1200pm – 1:30pm 17/04/2012

Place: Wideview Public School, Berowra Heights

Details: Between the above times and date at Wideview Public School Berowra Heights, unknown persons have Graffitied the southern end of the school grounds, tagging it with blue spray paint. Police would like any persons with any information to contact Hornsby Police on 9476 9799, or phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Incident: Bushwalker injured from fall

Time/Date: Between 4pm – 430pm 14/04/2012

Place: Great North Walk, Hornsby Heights

Person 1: 74 year old female

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Details: Between 4pm and 430pm on the 14/04/2012, a 74 year old female was bushwalking with 7 of her group on the Great North Walk, Hornsby Heights when she slipped from a rock and fell approx 7 metres down a steep incline. Emergency services responded and a combined effort from Hornsby Police, NSW Fire Brigade, NSW Rural Fire Service and NSW Ambulance responded. The injured person was conveyed to Hospital to be treated for non life threatening injuries.

Incident: Serious Assault

Time/Date: Aprox 930pm 13/04/2012

Place: Galston Road Skate Park

Victim 1: 17 old male

Victim 2; 17 old male

POI's 3 males aged approx

Details: At the above time and location, 2 x 17 old males have been attacked by 3 male POI's at which time a ball bat causing head and facial injuries. Police investigations are continuing. Police are appealing for any information to contact Hornsby Police on 9476 9799, or phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

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Remember to report any suspicious activity in the neighbourhood directly to Hornsby Police on 02 9476 9799

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